

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS (Clean Copy)

Please amend the claims as follows:

49-57. (Canceled)

58. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing confusion in users of a multiple outlet power strip having several identical outlets for providing power to a plurality of devices, comprising the steps of:

- a. assigning a separate and distinct color-code to each outlet for selectively identifying each outlet of said power strip, and
- b. providing colored indicia adjacent to each color-coded outlet, the indicia having a background color identical to its adjacent color-coded outlet for identifying devices assigned to each colored area.

59. (Currently Amended) A method, as recited in claim 58, wherein each indicia identifies a device connected to the adjacent color-coded outlet.

60. (Currently Amended) A method, as recited in claim 58, wherein each indicia comprises a color-coded label identifying the device connected to the adjacent color-coded outlet.

61. (Currently Amended) A method, as recited in claim 60, wherein each color-coded label comprises a unique identifier to identify a device.

62. (Cancelled) A method as recited in claim 58, wherein said indicia are colored stickers having the same colors as the colored area proximate to each outlet wrapped around the cord.

63. (New) A method as recited in claim 61, wherein the unique identifier comprises one or more printed words and abbreviations thereof.

64. (New) An apparatus for distributing electrical power, comprising:

- a. a housing having a plurality of substantially identical AC power distribution outlets for providing AC electrical power to a plurality of devices connected thereto; and
- b. a plurality of unique colored areas disposed on or proximate to each outlet, for identifying each outlet and the device connected to each outlet.

65. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, further comprising:

- a plurality of color-coded labels located proximate to the outlets, wherein each color-coded label includes the same color as the proximately colored area; and
- identifies a device connected to the outlet.

66. (New) The apparatus of claim 64 wherein each color-coded label includes a unique identifier to identify the device connected to the outlet.

67. (New) The apparatus of claim 66 wherein the unique identifier comprises one or more printed words and abbreviations thereof.

68. (New) The apparatus of claim 67 further comprising overcurrent and noise protection elements.